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In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the listed references may be material to the Examiner's consideration of the presently pending claims. However, the references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative relevance between references, whether cited in this or prior statements. This statement is not a representation that the listed references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. Section 102 or Section 103.

United States Patents

1. Austin et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,837,115, issued November 17, 1998.
2. Regnier et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,596,144, issued July 22, 2003.
3. Austin et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,824,664, issued November 30, 2004.

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Respectfully submitted,

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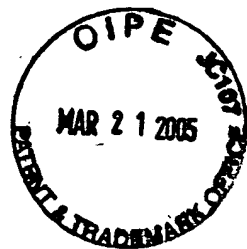
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